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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Akihito TSUCHIYA

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For. METHOD FOR PURIFICATION TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMECommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002 for three months from December 16, 2002, to March 16, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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